

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below in marked-up form. In accordance with the revised amendment format, a clean copy of the claims has been omitted.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Allowable, amended to include the subject matter of its base claims 1 and 2) A multiple switch device for operating a power window and having a window operating switch (3, 6, 7, 11, 12, 30a, 30b, 39, 40, 41, 42) for raising and lowering a vehicle window, and a selector switch (2, 5, 10, 22, 37) for selecting a particular window for operation, said multiple switch device characterized by the selector switch (2, 5, 10, 22, 37) also having a lock switch function for disabling window operation, wherein:

said window operating switch (3) is a single switch; and
said selector switch (2) comprises one switch knob with a contact position (2a, 2b, 2d, 2e) for selecting each window to operate, and a contact position (2c) for disabling window operation [A multiple switch device as described in claim 2],
and wherein:

said selector switch (2) has a rotary switch knob, and contact positions (2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e) are arranged as follow:

a window lock contact position (2c) for disabling window operation is a center position;

a driver's side contact position (2b) for driver's window operation is right adjacent to said window lock contact position (2c);

a right rear window contact position (2a) for operating a right rear window is right adjacent to said driver's side contact position (2b);

a' a front passenger window contact position (2d) for operating a front passenger window is left adjacent to the window lock position (2c); and

a left rear window contact position (2e) for operating a left rear window is left adjacent to the front passenger window contact position (2d).

4. (Amended, to be dependent on an allowable base claim) A multiple switch device as described in claim [1] 3, wherein:

said window operating switch (6, 7, 11, 12) comprises two switches disposed side by side; and

said selector switch (5, 10) comprises a single switch knob with a switch for selecting front or back seat window operation and, when pressed, disabling window operation.

5. (Allowable, amended to be dependent on allowable claim 3) A multiple switch device as described in claim [1] 3, wherein:

said selector switch (5) comprises a rotary switch for selecting two contact positions (5a, 5b) for selecting a front seat and back seat position, and

a push-button switch for disabling window operation.

6. (amended) A multiple switch device as described in claim [1] 3, wherein:

a¹ said selector switch (10, 22, 37) comprises a switch movable in two directions for selecting front window operation or rear window operation, and

a switch for disabling window operation.

7. (allowed) A multiple switch device for operating a power window and having a window operating switch (30a, 30b) for raising and lowering a vehicle window, and a selector switch (22) for selecting a window to be operated by window operating switch (30a, 30b), wherein:

the selector switch (22) combines functions of a rocker switch for moving a knob (221) in two directions to select operation of a front seat window or rear seat window, and

a push-lock switch for disabling and enabling window operation when the knob (221) is pressed.

8. (allowed) A multiple switch device as described in claim 7, wherein the selector switch (22) is in a contact position (22c) for operating a front seat window when the knob (221) or selector switch (22) is in an upright position, and is in a contact position (22d) for operating a back seat window when the knob (221) of selector switch (22) is rocked.

9. (Original) A multiple switch device for operating automobile power windows in a first row, second row, and third row, comprising:

first to fourth window operating switches (39, 40, 41, 42) for operating first row, second row, and third row power windows; and a selector switch (37) for selecting whether the third and fourth window operating switches (41, 42) operate the power windows of the second row or third row)

10. (Allowable, amended to include the subject matter of its base claim 9) A multiple switch device for operating automobile power windows in a first row, second row, and third row, comprising:

first to fourth window operating switches (39, 40, 41, 42) for operating first row, second row, and third row power windows; and

a selector switch (37) for selecting whether the third and fourth window operating switches (41, 42) operate the power windows of the second row or third row [A multiple switch device as described in claim 9], wherein:

the selector switch (37) combines functions of a rocker switch for moving in two directions to select operation of a second row window or a third row window, and

a push-lock switch for disabling and enabling window operation.

11. (Allowed, original) A multiple switch device as described in claim 10, wherein the selector switch (37) is in a contact position (37b) for operating a second row window when the knob (37a) of selector switch (37) is in an upright position, and is in a contact position (37c) for operating a third row window when the knob (37a) is rocked.

12. (Allowed) A multiple switch device comprising:

a knob (221) having protruding from the bottom thereof an operating lever (22f) for operating a switch unit (27), and a single operating part (22e) enabling push-action and rocker-action operations;

a rocker body (24) movably supported to case (21) on a pivot with operating lever (22f) of knob (211) passing freely up and down therethrough;

a case (21) having a through-hole (21i) for operating lever (22f) passing therethrough; and

a plurality of switch units (27c, 27d) operated by movement of first and second sliding studs (27a, 27b), which engaged a shaped slot (22h) formed in the operating lever (22f) of the knob (221).

13. (Allowed) A multiple switch device as described in claim 12, wherein:

the knob (221) has a cam (22g) on a side of operating lever (22f);

Q' the rocker body (24) has a lock pin (26) for engaging the cam (22g) and a leaf spring (25) for urging the lock pin (26), and forms a suitable surface (24g, 24h) contacted by a suitable body (28), which is urged by suitable spring (29); and

the case (21) has a positioning part (21a) for placing the knob (221); and

the through-hole (21i), a tubular protrusion forming a blind hole (21h) for holding the suitable spring (29), and stud hole (21g) for pivotably supporting the rocker body (24) are formed inside the positioning part (21a).

14. (Allowed) A multiple switch device as described in claim 12 or 13, wherein:

the shaped slot (22h) formed in the operating lever (22f) has a longitudinal slot (22i) in which the first sliding stud (27a) floats when the knob (221) is pressed,

a sloped slot (22j), contiguous to the longitudinal slot (22i), for pushing and moving the second sliding study (27b) when the knob (221) is pressed, and

an escape slot (22m) in which second sliding stud (27b) moves freely when the knob (221) is rocked.

15. (Allowed) A multiple switch device comprising:

a switch (30a, 30b, 41, 42) having protruding from a bottom thereof an operating lever (30d) for operating switch units (34, 35), and a rocking knob (30f); and

a movable selector (33) disposed to the operating lever (30d) of the switch (30a, 30b, 41, 42) for operating the two switch units (34, 35);

one switch unit (34) being operated by movement of a sliding stud (34a, 34b), which engages a first notch (33b) formed in the movable selector (33), and

an other switch unit (35) being operated by movement of a sliding stud (35a, 35b), which engages a second notch (33c) formed in the movable selected (33).